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THE LAST OF THE "DETROIT PLAYERS" DRUG GANG SENTENCED

- *Twelve defendants sentenced to total of 53 years*
- *One sentenced to life*
- *One sentenced to 25 years*

LOUISVILLE, KY - U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today that the last of the "Detroit Players" gang was sentenced on Tuesday, May 27, 2008.

Since 2000, a criminal street gang had been selling drugs primarily in the areas of the Georgetown and Park Hill housing projects in Louisville. They were dubbed the "Detroit Players," because most of them are from Detroit originally, and the local leaders used contacts there. They did not maintain any fixed residences, usually living with others and never staying too long in the same place. Evidence to support the conspiracy counts includes three significant seizures at three different locations, each connected to several of the conspirators:

- January 1, 2004, at 1702 Lafayette Drive, where local police executing a search warrant seized approximately 250 grams of crack, approximately 50 grams of heroin, and several loaded firearms, including a semi-automatic assault weapon;
- September 14, 2004, at 1713 Bank Street, where local police and ATF agents seized 40 pounds of marijuana and 1.5 kilos of cocaine; and

- January 4, 2005, when the U.S. Marshal's Fugitive Task Force seized 345 grams of crack, 660 grams of marijuana, and a couple of firearms.

Additionally, three co-conspirators confessed and were willing to testify at trial and provided details about the duration of the conspiracy and the involvement of the other co-conspirators, as well as numerous police contacts with the conspirators where drugs or guns were seized.

Samuel Washington, age 34, of Louisville, Kentucky, was sentenced to 6 months imprisonment in United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky, by Judge Charles R. Simpson III, for conspiracy to distribute marijuana. After release, he will have two years of supervised release. There is no parole in the federal judicial system. Washington pled guilty on August 10, 2007. He and numerous other defendants had been charged in the same Indictment with conspiracy to distribute cocaine base (crack cocaine), heroin, and marijuana.

Other members of the "Detroit Players" who have been sentenced in this case are as follows: on March 19, 2006, Darnell Mallory was sentenced to 4 years imprisonment plus 4 years supervised release; on April 11, 2006, Roisha Richardson was sentenced to 4 years 9 months imprisonment plus 3 years supervised release; on June 12, 2006, Eddie Allmon was sentenced to 3 years 10 months imprisonment plus 5 years supervised release, Amanda Bourland was sentenced to 1 year 6 months imprisonment plus 5 years supervised release; on June 13, 2006, Deshaun Odeneal was sentenced to 24 years 7 months imprisonment plus 5 years supervised release, Dezmond Prince was sentenced to 2 years 9 months imprisonment plus 4 years supervised release, Dion Rostick was sentenced to 1 year imprisonment plus 3 years supervised release, Deandre Shawn was sentenced to 4 years 9 months imprisonment plus 4 years supervised release; on June 19, 2006, Joseph Thompson was sentenced to 7 months imprisonment plus 4 years supervised release; on June 30, 2006, Shane Andres was sentenced to

life imprisonment; and on November 6, 2006, Karl Banks was sentenced to 5 years imprisonment plus 4 years supervised release.

Also on June 12, 2006, Tondalaya Dotson was sentenced to 1 day imprisonment plus 3 years supervised release, and Laquisha Dukes was sentenced to 2 years probation. On June 13, 2006, Elaina Perryman was sentenced to 3 years probation, and Tamira Peters was sentenced to 3 years probation. On June 19, 2006, Artisha Williamson was sentenced to 3 years probation and Raven Spencer the pretrial diversion program.

The sentences for the foregoing conspirators range from pretrial diversion to life imprisonment, depending on the drug quantity attributable to each individual and their prior criminal history record. Washington received a sentence of six months, to be followed by two years of supervised release due to the fact that the drug quantity attributable to him was less than one kilogram of marijuana, his role in the offense was minimal, and he had no prior felony convictions. The street value of marijuana is \$100-\$150 per ounce.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Larry Fentress. The Louisville Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) conducted the investigation in partnership with the Louisville Metro Police Department, as part of ATF's mandated mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

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